

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached three sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-5. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-5, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3, 5, 14, 21, and 30, the specification, and the drawings are amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

1. Objections

The Office Action objects to the specification and claims 3, 5, 14, 21, and 30. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments obviate the grounds for the objections. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

2. Drawings

Attached are replacement drawing sheets which are amended to include the numerals representing elements associated with Figures 1-5 as discussed in the originally filed application. See page 3, lines 23-29 and page 5, line 1 to page 7, line 27.

3. 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments obviate the grounds for the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully traversed.

4. Conclusion

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below if any issues remain in this matter, or if a discussion regarding any portion of the application is desired by the Examiner.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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